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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM AMMAN OCT 31:

QUOTE S E C R E T AMMAN 8010

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPDC, JO, SY, US

SUBJECT: MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CONFRONTATION
STATE HEADS

REF: A) STATE 259811, B) AMMAN 7973, C) DAMASCUS 6775

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1. SHORTLY AFTER I RECEIVED REFTEL C), KING HUSSEIN
WASHIN TOUVH WITH ME. HE ASKED WHETHER WE HAD BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH THE OTHER ARABS AS HE PARTICULARLY
WANTED TO GO TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT ASAD. HE SAID
HIS PLAN WAS TO TRY TO CALL ASAD ON THE TELEPHONE
AS SOON AS WE HAD PASSED THE INFORMATION TO HIM WITH
A SPECIAL REQUEST NOT TO COMMENT PUBLICLYHIN ANY

WAY UNTIL HE (HUSSEIN) COULD MEET WITH ASAD.

2. IN RESPONSE I TOLD HUSSEIN THAT WE WERE APPROACHING ASAD BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM. WE THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE HIS STANDING FAST UNTIL I GOT FURTHER WORD FROM DAMASCUS AND WASHINGTON. I BELIEVE HUSSEIN CAN BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL WITH ASAD IN THIS CASE. IT IS CLEAR HE HAS NOW FULLY MADE UP HIS MIND TO GO TO SEE ASAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER IS DELIVERED AND TALK OVER THE SITUATION WITH HIM.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW YOUR THINKING ON HUSSEIN'S PLANS. THERE IS OF COURSE LITTLE WE CAN DO TO STOP HIM ALTHOUGH WE MAY WANT TO PASS ON SOME FURTHER ADVICE. I BELIEVE ALSO HIS IDEA OF ASKING ASAD TO SHUT OFF PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD BE VALUABLE IN THE PRESENT SENSITIVE SITUATION. IF YOU AGREE, I WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR MURPHY'S LETTING ME KNOW AS SOON AS HE POSSIBLY CAN OF DELIVERY OF THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT ASAD. OBVIOUSLY THE KING HAS FOCUSED LESS ON CAIRO, BUT HE WOULD ALSO WISH TO KNOW IF LETTER HAS BEEN DELIVERED THERE.

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4. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT PASS DAMASCUS AND CAIRO NIACT. PICKERING UNQUOTE VANCE

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